

MINUTES  
BRUNSWICK EDC  
13 May 2004

Present: Wayne Allgaier, James R. Castle, Bill Sims, Bruce Funk, Judy Cheng, Ken Ebmeier, Bill Gilbert, James Gangawere, Mayor Jones (end of meeting).

Local business activity

Beans in the Belfry waiting for county permits?

New cab company (from Charlestown) plans to start in July

84 Lumber on track.

Bike/boat rental moving to Bill Sims' warehouse, eliminating boats.

Bill Sims moving antique business into Carnes building

April was Community Pride Month.

Painting of wall at Square Corner Park completed by Dave McLane. Lee Zumbaugh paying 50%, \$50 from BB&T, remainder donated by Lou Iaquina.

Painting of wall at RR Square. Not done yet. Bill Sims will provide the paint, Jim Castle will organize the labor party.

Ten inkberry bushes planted at RR Square last Saturday.

Spring Clean" (Potomac Street and its tributaries) had poor turnout, although ten bags of trash were collected. Next year: More advance notice to get volunteers (with special attention to high school students, who have public service requirements and service clubs).

Flowers at "Welcome to Brunswick" sign on Petersville Road are blooming. Suggestion made to consider construction of a large "flower box" (with railroad ties) for plantings in that location.

Publicity: Little done. Next year: we need to submit press releases and pictures.

Brunswick Business Breakfast

April Breakfast: Open forum with lots of participation from attendees. Ideas recorded for future reference.

May Breakfast: May 28, 7 am, Green Country Inn. Speaker: Rick Weldon (follow-up of legislative session).

June Breakfast: Date to be determined. Speaker: Kay Cormier. Pacific Café.

Welcome baskets.

First ones to be distributed this Saturday (Wayne Allgaier, Jim Castle, Beth Johnson, and Mayor Jones)

Ryan Homes willing to pay for baskets delivered to their customers.

Pulte Homes waiting to hear from their management to see if they will pay.

Movies in the Park. (and other Saturday night activities at Square Corner Park)

Movies every other Saturday night, starting June 12

Precede movie with 15-20 minute "Power Point" slide show of various scenes from around town (while people are gathering)? (Someone needs to put this together)

June 19: "Welcome to Brunswick party" for new residents. Ken checking with Thompson Gas to see if they will supply a grill and hot dogs.

Movies must be G or PG (per Mayor's request). Need to review list.

Equipment and refreshments (from last month's minutes): Projector and screen – Wayne. Sound system – Pat. Refreshments – by contribution. Popcorn machine – from Rick Weldon? (Harry

will check.) May need to dim street lights. Advertising: in the Brunswick Citizen. Channel 13 has shown an interest in doing a story on this.

Main Street Maryland. We have been officially accepted! Next steps:

City officials attend 2-day training meeting (Aug 12-13). At Mayor's suggestion, we will invite Main Street managers from Frederick (Kera) and Harpers Ferry (Charolette) to attend our July EDC meeting to prepare for that training session.

Formation of Board of Directors. (This will be separate from EDC, although some individuals may serve on both.)

Site visit from Main Street to Brunswick, meet with Board.

Hiring of Manager. Jim reports that several potential applicants have made inquiries already.

Formation of Committees. We will need lots of volunteers from the community to make this program successful.

Potomac Valley Heritage Trail. Lee Zumbaugh hopes to be able to attend our next EDC meeting. By e-mail expresses continued interest in forming a tourism council of 4-6 members to guide this program (under direction of Main Street manager). Also interested in publishing a good publicity brochure.

Resource Guide. Other major projects now behind him, Jim will get back to work on this.

EDC Budget for FY 2005. City Council proposing \$5000 budget for EDC for FY2005:

\$3000 for Main Street (in addition to the \$15,000 for manager's salary)

\$2000 for other EDC projects, broken down as follows:

Railroad Days: \$250

Landscaping: 300

Directory reprinting: 750

Food (for breakfast speakers): 100

Supplies: 100

Bench: 300

Community Pride Month: 200

Report from Frederick County OED (James Gangawere)

Commercial realtors' bus tour of the county next week.

Partnering meeting May 27, 9am – 4pm

Rural SBA workshop

Next meeting: Thursday, June 3, 7:30 pm.

Wayne Allgaier, chairman